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APPLICANTS: LANGEDER ET AL - 2 PCT
SERIAL NO.: 10/530,838 EXAMINER: MARKOFF, ALEXANDER
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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CLEANING WELDING TORCHES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2008,
Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

An Election of Inventions begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

ELECTION OF INVENTIONS:

The Patent Examiner has required the election of one of the following Groups for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of cleaning torches;
or

Group II: Claims 6-52, drawn to an apparatus for cleaning torches.

ELECTION:

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a method for cleaning torches, for further prosecution.